



Structural works on the new Montmorency Station

# HURSTBRIDGE LINE DUPLICATION UPDATE

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## Major works: new stations open soon

The second stage of the Hurstbridge Line Duplication will deliver further improvements, including more train services, less crowding on peak trains and better connections to public transport in Melbourne's north east.

We are hitting the ground running in 2023 with a full program of works. Some of the highlights include your new Greensborough and Montmorency stations and upgraded Diamond Creek Station will open soon.

We will also be starting work on stage 1 of the new shared walking and cycling path between Greensborough and Montmorency which will be completed towards the end of the year.

For us to open the new stations and duplicate 3.5km of tracks, our crews will work around the clock from **8.30pm Thursday 16 March to last service Saturday 29 April**. During this period, sections of the rail line will be closed and buses will replace trains.

During the rail closure, express buses will run between Eltham and Parliament during weekday morning peak times.



**More trains,  
more often**

Once the project is completed, morning peak trains will run on average:

- 7** Every **seven minutes** from Greensborough
- 10** Every **10 minutes** from Montmorency and Eltham
- 20** Every **20 minutes** from Diamond Creek, Wattle Glen and Hurstbridge

The project will allow for **two additional** services from Hurstbridge during the morning peak.



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# Works taking place in March and beyond

**Between Thursday 16 March and Saturday 29 April, we will work during the day and night along the rail corridor at Greensborough, Montmorency, Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen to deliver a range of crucial works:**

- Building new stations and demolishing old stations at Greensborough and Montmorency
- Duplicating the rail tracks from Greensborough to Montmorency and Diamond Creek to Wattle Glen

- Continuing with Diamond Creek Platform 2 extension and precinct works
- Drainage, landscaping and retaining wall works at Greensborough and Montmorency
- Upgrading rail signaling equipment
- Working on stage 1 of the new shared walking and cycling path

During this period, we will have traffic management in place for the safety of drivers and pedestrians. We encourage you to take care around our works.

Leading up to the completion of our major works, we will be holding community events at Greensborough, Montmorency and Diamond Creek stations with activities and giveaways. Keep an eye out for more information in your letterbox, on our website and our social media channels.

Once the new stations are open and the tracks duplicated, we will continue with works in the second half of the year to finish the project. This includes landscaping, finishing works at the stations and planting trees, plants, shrubs and grasses in the station precincts and along the rail corridor.



*Works underway at the new Greensborough Station*



*Two platforms being constructed at the new Montmorency Station*



*Platform 2 extension at Diamond Creek Station*

# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR NEW STATIONS

The new Greensborough and Montmorency stations and upgraded Diamond Creek Station will be ready for you to use soon.

You can expect:

## Greensborough Station

- The new concourse and platform open and operational
- Operational Myki systems
- Lifts ready for use
- Station accessible via Para Rd and Poulter Avenue
- Accessible car parking available for commuters

## Montmorency Station

- Operational Myki systems
- New car park on Mayona Road available for commuters

## Diamond Creek Station

- Operational Myki systems
- Extended platform 2 for commuter use

## New pedestrian and bike path

Construction of stage 1 of your new shared walking and cycling path is underway and will be completed by the end of the year.

The 2km shared path between Greensborough and Montmorency stations will provide safe and easy access between the two stations, linking with the Plenty River Trail and station forecourts.

New landscaping for the shared path will include a combination of native trees, flowering plants, shrubs and grasses to complement the character of the local area.

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Stage 2 of the path, running between Montmorency and Eltham, will be delivered by the Department of Transport and Planning. We will keep you updated as works progress.

# CHANGES TO THE WAY YOU TRAVEL



## Train passengers

Buses replace trains on sections of the Hurstbridge Line from **8.30pm Thursday 16 March to last service Saturday 29 April**.

During the rail closure, express buses will run between Eltham and Parliament during weekday morning peak times.



For more information and to plan ahead visit [ptv.vic.gov.au/hurstbridgedisruptions](https://ptv.vic.gov.au/hurstbridgedisruptions)



## Drivers, pedestrians and cyclists

To enable construction works to safely take place, at times there will be traffic and pedestrian access changes in Greensborough, Montmorency and Diamond Creek during March and April.

There will be local signage in place for further details on additional bussing and detour information.

Please note these changes are dependent on a variety of factors including weather and progress of works and are subject to change.



To view up-to-date disruption information, visit [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/hurstbridge-works](https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/hurstbridge-works)



Project team talking to community members at the Eltham Farmers' Market

# WE ARE POPPING UP IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

## Want to know more about our major works during March and April?

Drop into one of our information sessions at Greensborough, Montmorency, Eltham and Bundoora. Project experts will be available to answer your questions about what to expect during construction works in March and April.

To find out when we will be out in an area near you, visit [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/level-crossing-removal-project/community/events](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/level-crossing-removal-project/community/events)



**Come by for a chat – we'll be happy to answer your questions about the project.**

Are you part of a community organisation and would like a visit from our team to give a project update? Let us know your interest by emailing us at [hurstbridge@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](mailto:hurstbridge@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)

# Greensborough, Montmorency & Diamond Creek

**OPEN  
FOR BUSINESS**

## Get down to your local traders for a chance to win a \$100 gift card

In February and March, we are partnering with local traders across Greensborough, Montmorency and Diamond Creek for a Spend and Win competition.

Shoppers who spend more than \$10 in a single transaction at participating traders go into a weekly prize draw to win a \$100 gift card to spend at participating traders within Greensborough, Montmorency and Diamond Creek.

Good luck to all our participating shoppers.



For more information visit [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/news/level-crossing-removal-project/spend-locally-and-win-big-on-the-hurstbridge-line](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/news/level-crossing-removal-project/spend-locally-and-win-big-on-the-hurstbridge-line)



## The Eltham Copper Butterfly will be virtually fluttering into local primary schools

The endangered Eltham Copper Butterfly will be fluttering virtually into local primary schools via a cute animation to raise awareness about the protected species that had not been spotted in more than 40 years.

Teachers from local schools can use this video animation to educate students about their unique local ecosystem.

The butterfly was first discovered around Eltham in 1938 and thought to be extinct

since the 1950s until it was rediscovered in 1986. It is only found in three areas of central and western Victoria.

In late January 2021, the butterfly was spotted in Montmorency.

Modifications were made to the project to minimise impacts to the butterflies' habitat.

Areas in Montmorency have been fenced off and protected while works continue on other parts of the Hurstbridge Line Duplication.



Eltham Copper Butterfly themed animation



## Hop to it for Easter celebrations

In early December 2022, we partnered with local trader associations in Greensborough, Montmorency and Diamond Creek to offer local shoppers the chance to win an early Christmas present of a gift card to spend at a local trader of their choice.

On Saturday 8 April, we will again be teaming up with the local trader associations for an Easter egg hunt in Montmorency and Diamond Creek shopping precincts. Kids and their families will be able to take part in a range of free activities from face painting to an Easter egg hunt. There will also be free goodie bags for those who participate in the event!

The Easter Bunny will also be hopping in to cap off the event. We'll have more information closer to the time so keep an eye on our social media.



Eltham High School students Mac McLennan, Charlie Clarke, Luka Koops, Kris Van der Kamp and Scarlett Harrison and their reusable Cup for Change.



## Young leaders reducing environmental waste one sip at a time

Purchase a 'Cup for Change' and help the bright sparks at Eltham High School reduce waste in the local area.

The 'Cup for Change' was the result of the Student Leadership Program where students worked to solve an environmental issue. The students' goal is to reduce single use cup waste within the community.

The cup's artwork, inspired by the Eltham Copper Butterfly, was designed by student Coco Bergmann.

The cup costs \$15. All proceeds from the project will go directly back to local community groups including Edendale Community Environment Farm.

The funds will also help to support a gardening project at the school to protect the Eltham Copper Butterfly.



To purchase a cup, fill out this expression of interest form: [bit.ly/3AstFde](https://bit.ly/3AstFde)

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## Project timeline

- ✓ **2019**
  - Site investigations
  - Community consultation
- ✓ **Early 2020**
  - Site investigations
  - Planning consultation
- ✓ **Late 2020**
  - Community consultation
  - Station precinct layouts announced
  - Enabling works started
- ✓ **2021**
  - Station designs released
  - Construction begins
- ✓ **2022**
  - Construction continues
- **Early 2023**
  - Shared walking and cycling path construction begins
- **Mid 2023**
  - Duplicated track complete
  - New stations open
- **End 2023**
  - Shared walking and cycling path construction complete
  - Landscaping and other project completion works finish

\*Timeline above subject to change.

## Stay in touch

The best way to stay up to date on the project is to:

- Sign up to email updates at [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe](https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe)
- Send us a private message on the Level Crossings Removal Project Facebook page
- Call us on **1800 105 105**
- Email [contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au](mailto:contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au)
- Sign up to receive SMS alerts for major traffic and construction impacts for the Hurstbridge Line Duplication project by texting **HURSTBRIDGE** to **0429 839 892**